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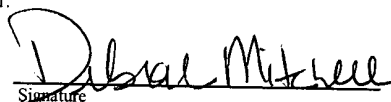
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INCLUDING SAME**Confirmation No.:** 8260**Examiner:** H. Nguyen**Group Art Unit:** 2812**Attorney Docket No.:** 3442.1US (96-428.1)

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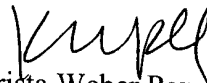
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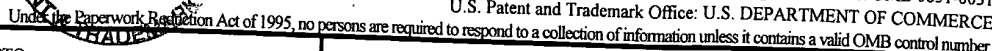
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